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Subject: RE: 2127 Wallingford application

Hi Jill,

Thank you for your email with the attachment. As you can see from the pictures, we have done extensive work to our home. Moving room from room, we have completed the following:

1. Exterior: We landscaped the entire property and repaired the patio. We tried to save the original patio tiles, but they were not salvageable. As a compromise, we used those marble stones to re-do the back pathway which led to the porch, which is now a screened-in porch. That porch was originally used as a side entrance into the library, where we believe Mr Osgood met with clients.
2. Exterior: We have painted the house twice, using paint that matched the original stain. We have repaired the railing to the balcony and we have built a fence around the side door to the garage to hide our recycling and garbage bins. The original in-ground garbage pail had to be removed as the lid completely corroded. We repaired the front walk and the front brick porch.
3. Property: We replaced the driveway, but we maintained the original design and layout of the previous driveway. We also planted Redbud trees along the easement. In the deed, it states that the property was built on an orchard and that existing trees could not be removed. The previous owners had a few of these trees die or fall down in ice storms, so we chose to replace them with Redbuds since the street is dawning with them.
4. Front porch: We repaired the existing screen door with the existing hardware.
5. Front foyer: We wallpapered the foyer and left a walking cane in the umbrella stand that was used by Mr or Mrs Osgood.
6. Greeting foyer: We painted the entire home and choose somber colors that may have been in keeping with the home. We replaced the light fixture with a Steuben glass fixture (circa late 1920's). Additionally, Steuben sconces were added to the landing on the stairs in front of the dusting porch in positions that had sconces noted on the original blue prints that we own.
7. Living room: The limestone fireplace had been painted twice. We had a historic preservationist, Ron Koenig, strip the paint off of the fireplace to return it to its original Indiana limestone façade. All of the original windows remain in the home as well (with the exception of the basement windows, which were broken and would no longer close. Since they were beyond repair, they were replaced, but they are not visible from the street). We also added Steuben light fixtures to the living room (main fixture and sconces, circa early 1930's).
8. Library: We restored the ceiling which had been repaired with drywall by the previous owners. We also repaired the screens to the porch which extends off of the library.
9. House in general: Every room has been painted or wallpapered with paper that appears vintage. The window locks have been polished back to their original brass. The carpeting was removed and the home was restored back to hardwood floors in every room except the basement. All of the woodwork has been preserved or restored by to its original stain.
10. Kitchen: The previous owners remodeled the kitchen. We, however, replaced the cabinet hardware with glass knobs to keep with the theme of the entire home and to match the

knobs on the original built-ins. The wall ironing board closet has been kept in addition to the original phone seat. A 1920 candlestick phone was added to the phone box.

11. Breakfast nook: This was remodeled by the previous owners. We replaced the glass in the butler pantry cabinets with a tulip glass pattern recommended and built by Reynold Lowe from Materials Unlimited. The original dining room light fixture was moved to the breakfast nook and replaced the one from 1970.
12. Dining Room: We wallpapered and added a plate railing. Two built-in china cabinets were designed and built by Ray Caleca to match the built-ins in the original home. A 1927 Steuben glass fixture was purchased to match the one in the greeting foyer. Radiator covers that mimic the ones found in the Michigan League were also designed and built by Mr Caleca and are in the dining room and every room in the home.
13. Upstairs bedrooms: The light fixtures upstairs were all original to the home with the exception of the hallway, which was replaced (from a 1970 fixture) to a Steuben glass fixture to match the others (circa late 1920's). The original fixtures in the bedrooms were restored by Mr Koenig as he worked on the fireplace.
14. Master bedroom: A vintage fireplace was added on the wall above the original fireplace in the living room just below the master bedroom. The radiator covers were replaced with more vintage appearing covers.
15. Master bath: The tile in all of the bathrooms is original to the home as are the mirrors and medicine cabinets. We added vintage light fixtures to replace ones installed in the 1970's.
16. Upstairs bath: The original tile and mirror remains. We have updated the light fixtures to vintage fixtures.
17. Hall: We added a 1927 wall phone to the wall where an original phone was hanging. Both vintage phones work!
18. Storage room, now our office: A library unit with shelves, desk, and cabinets was added to match the existing built-ins to the home.
19. Roof: The original slate roof remains intact. We have replace some of the tiles with the blue slate tiles that match the home and are noted in the specs.
20. Basement: The servants quarters were remodeled by the previous owner in the early 1970's. We remodeled the room to make it a play room.
21. Laundry room: We replaced the original laundry tube since it had cracked and was leaking and took out the mop sink per recommendations of the plumber. The original clothes shoot remains intact.
22. Pantry and Coal room: The original potato bins remain intact in the pantry. The coal room contains the original kitchen cabinets and is now a work room. The original clothes lines are still intact in the furnace room as is the original linen cabinet below the front bay window.

Believe it or not, we still aren't done! However, we are getting closer. Our goal has always been to preserve the home as best we can to ensure that we can capture its charm and character.

Thank you again for considering our application. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Frank and Mary Jane